

Long-Term Care/Medicaid Reform Subcommittee

August 12, 2008 – 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Senator R. Edward Houck
Senator Ralph S. Northam
Senator Linda T. Puller
Senator Patricia S. Ticer

Delegate Robert H. Brink
Delegate Benjamin L. Cline
Delegate Franklin P. Hall
Delegate Phillip A. Hamilton

Secretary Marilyn B. Tavenner

The meeting was called to order by Senator Linda T. Puller, Subcommittee co-chair.

As the new Commissioner of the Virginia Department for the Aging (VDA), Ms. Linda Nablo stated the department's mission as - fostering the independence and well-being of older Virginians and supports their caregivers through leadership, advocacy and oversight of state and community programs, and guides the Commonwealth in preparing for an aging population.

In addition, Ms. Nablo explained the relationship of VDA and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA); she gave an update on the No Wrong Door program; VDA's application for a CMS grant to sustain and expand the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) initiative; and an explained how the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) assists the elderly and/or disabled.

Ms. Judith Cash, Chair for the Children's Health Insurance Program Advisory Committee (CHIPAC) updated the members on FAMIS and FAMIS Plus.

Ms. Thelma M. Baker, Senior Director for the Virginia Health Quality Center explained the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) progress toward implementing the new requirement that CMA not pay for hospital acquired conditions.

Chris Bailey, Senior Vice President for Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association spoke to the Commission concerning Virginia's health challenges, as well as where Virginia stands vs. other states in health care performance.

Mr. Stephen Morrisette, President, Virginia Health Care Association spoke on the implications of Medicaid funding policy decisions with regard to Virginia's nursing home facilities.

Scott Burnette, President/CEO for Community Memorial Healthcenter briefed the members on Virginia's Medicaid policies with a focus on the cost implications on Community Memorial Healthcenter.

After several questions and discussion on the presentations, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the BHC Subcommittee was scheduled for September 4, 2008.

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